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Applicants: Joseph S. Shabtai et al.)
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Title: Process for Converting Lignins Into a High Octane Blending Component)
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

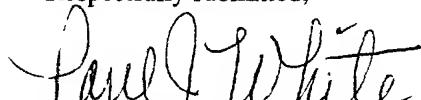
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This correspondence is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, dated April 22, 2002, wherein the oath or declaration of the inventors, Joseph S. Shabtai, Wlodzimierz W. Zmierczak, Esteban Chornet and David Johnson is missing.

In full compliance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, Applicant submits a properly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Applicants also submits a surcharge of \$65.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16(e) for small entity, and authorizes the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office to charged the surcharge payment to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460. In the event Applicant owes more than \$65.00, Applicant authorizes the Patent Office to charge said amount to Applicant's deposit account.

A copy of Part 2 - Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application is also enclosed as requested.

Respectfully submitted,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. White".

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Dated: June 21, 2002.

Enclosure: As stated above.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*